BY AXEL SKOVGAARD

have histories, interesting and varied, bones crosswise in my throat. gay romances and dark tragedies even as their warm friends among mankind. A violin which is not only re- my pocket, to visit the dealer. markable in itself, but with a remarkable story, is the one possessed by Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist. It is as bright and polished as if it Gallery, and on the right, some dishad left the hands of its maker but tance away, I saw the houses of yesterday, and still the instrument is Parliament and Westminster Abbey, nearly two hundred years old. In where Haydn lies buried. In the spite of its age it retains without a Strand I came near being run over, flaw or a scratch the original varnish but reached Ludgate Hill just as the as applied by the skillful hands of roaring train rushed over head. How Antonius Stradivarius. Looking very angry St. Paul's cathedral looked that young and new, it is among the oldest violins in existence, as it is one Did it know that I went with a sharpof the most famous and costly. But ened knife in my pocket? Intuitively more remarkable than its age and I reached after my knife. It was fine state of preservation is that the there and I rushed down Cannon first persons to play upon it was Mr. Skovgaard himself, and as he is a young man making no pretence at havis naturally a most unusual one.

To a chance meeting with a Lon. veled in the wealth before him and ica with my cherished violin. tried most of them, Mr. Skovgaard remarked that it would have been a pleasure to have seen such instru-

Apparently it was just from a 1712."

"I could not believe my eyes," says Mr. Skovgaard, "but stood as one in a trance." As I stood there with the handsomest of all violins in the world if in a dream to the days of the great violin makers. Its form was perfect, color ideal and the varnish as tender er heard its own voice, but, like a wild rose hidden in the mountains, had slept for two centuries. No human being had ever coaxed forth its hundred years old and yet looking Stradivarius but yesterday.

now a lost art, which no person, not even the greatest of chemists, can reveal. I felt myself unworthy to even

My peace of mind was gone. I Strad? could only lie and dream of it at 'open sesame" three times."

When I awoke I was bathed in per- less than \$22,000. spiration and fever was on me from Joseph Joaquim has three. cut hair in the air.

Oh, how gladly would I have spared it to Halir for an indefinite time. his life and allowed him to keep his whole collection with my Guaragnini in the bargain if I could but possess

Violins may not have the sentiments to stab anyway, for choking has had and sensibilities attributed to them something awful for me since the time by imaginative musicians, but they that I as a lad had gotten chicken

At last one day I left the hotel with my double sharpened penklife in

I wandered pensively thrue Regent and Cockspur streets. On the left of Trafalgar Square I had the National day. Did it know my deep secret?

On London bridge I met several wagons full of butchered cattle and ing attained perpetual youth, the story my courage rose at once. I gazed in fascination at the bloody carcasses of cow and sheep in order to accusdon dealer in musical instruments Mr. tom my eyes to the blood, and I felt Skovgaard owes his good fortune in myself so strong that neither raw obtaining his rare Strad. This man meat nor blood sausage could affrighthad a fine collection of Italion violins en me. Then I wandered on and planamong them being masterpieces by ned how I could cut Geep into the Amati, Stradivarius, Guanerius Ber- funny old dealer. The awesome towgonzi and Guadagnin. They were real er loomed up before me thru the fog. antiques, cracked, scratched, scraped Then came the thot-suppose I should and worn thru more or less rough be discovered and thrown into prison life for several centuries. Having re- for life before I could escape to Amer-

I braced myself and jumped on a passing omnibus. Shame on you, Axel. Here lies the best and handments when they were new, but such somest of all instruments and calls pleasures were denied modern artists. you. Will you stand by and see it put To the surprise of Mr. Skovgaard in the iron chamber to remain anothhis new friend replied in the nega- er hundred years, perhaps, the one tive, and stepped to a fireproof vault who pomises to be your companion and came out with a big yellow leath- for life and help you to become a er case, which be opened and took out great artist? No, and again, no. Down an unstrung violin and handed it to with the dealer. Thus I mused as I bumped about on the top of the rattling omnibus, passed thru Borough maker's shop, but plainly it was let- Hill and Blackman streets and was tered "Antonius Stradivarius, Anno come in my bloody dreams thru Newington causeway, when I was awakened by an unpoetical voice crying, "Fare, please."

I searched my hind pocket, my side pockets on both sides, my three vest in my hands, I was carried back as pockets, but found nothing except the sharp penknife and a bitten pencil. Also the coat pockets were empty, even the great coat. I had forgotten to and living so tho it were a work from supply myself with money, and murthe hands of Raphael or Corregio. And der without money is not to be adthis violin had in all these years nev- vised. As far as the omnibus was concerned, I was set off at the Elephant and Castle.

Now what can be done in a giant city like London without money? With voice, yet many people must in that money anything is possible. I said long time have gazed on its handsome to myself, and repeated the sentiment form, I felt as the holding a holy relic two or three times and was suddenly in my hands. A violin unplayed, two startled by my own thots. Surely with money one can do anything, even as the it had come from the hand of to buying new Stradivarii; I who have plenty of money at the hotel and at Such a violin I now hold in my home in Denmark. It was a good idea, hands. In its virgin purity it had lain and I was almost ashamed of myself and dreamed of its own song. How because I had not that of it before. could it tell'us of the clear, blue Ital- I decided that I would not cut the ian sky and the genial sun which dried dealer any more than was necessary, its varnish, the making of which is for possibly he would consent to sell me the violin when he learned that his life depended upon it.

Pondering over this new idea, I sat hold this wondrous work of a great master, and then an overwhelming desire to possess the magic instrument came over me.

down in one of the attractive chairs in the square and sought to collect my thots. First of all I asked myself what is the value of a first class

As is well known, Stradivarius fashnight, and during the day I envied the loned his best instruments between collector who could not play a note, the years 1700 and 1720, while the and yet owned tide most splendid choicest were made between 1709 and violin. In my dreams I was to play on 1715. Viotti's violin is from 1704 and it at a great concert, but it would not is valued at \$16,000. The violin ownobey the bow; yet sang all the time ed by the virtuoso H. W. Ernst, but on the deep G string, "Save me from now the property of Wilma Ueruda the iron vault. I am as a bewitched Halle, cost Carles Halle \$10,000. Frans princess. Kill the evil wizard who Ries had had one from 1710 which holds me and steal me away. I will cost \$16,700. One in the possession sing for you all your life thru and of Sarasate is dated 1713 and is ownmake you the greatest artist in the ed by the Spanish crown, which has world. I am born for you, and you loaned it to Sarasate for life. This is for me. Plunge your dagger in his the one he usually plays upon. The heart and go to the iron vault, which other he owns himself and is from the will open of itself when you repeat year 1724 and is a gift from Queen Isabella of Spain. The value is not

morning till night. The violin would most famous is the one called "Pesnot go from my mind. It was mine, tergeige," which the master uses most for it had itself said that it was born frequently. It is from 1714 and cost for me, and I had but to take it. Daily \$20,000. Another one from the same I sharpened my penknife till it could year was given to Joachim by friends in England, who paid \$15,000. The Yet think of cutting into the funny third is played by Carl Halir. It is old dealer, who had gone to such trou. from the seventeenth century and has ble to show me his violins, and had a small but brilliant tone. Its value so much enjoyed their delightful tones I don't recall, but Joachim has loaned

(To be continued.)

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver the one in the iron chamber. No, he must be put out of the way—but shall I stab him?—I so dislike blood—or the stab him?—I so dislike bloo I stab him?-I so dislike blood-or shall I choke him? I think it is best Sold by Laurens Drug Co.



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Barksdale No. 6 . . . . . . . . 2 mills Dials Church No. 7 . . . . . . 2 mills Special Schools-Sullivan Township No. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4 mills
Tumbling Shoals No. 6 . . . . 2½ mills
Brewerton No. 7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . mills Brewerton No. 7 . . . . . . . . 3 mills Sullivan Township R R Bonds 4 mills

NOTICE -- OF THE ---County Treasurer

The Books of the County Treasurer will be opened for the collection of State, County and Cummutation Road

Taxes for fiscal year, 1910, at the Treasurer's Office from October 15th, to December 31st., 1910. After December 31st., one per cent. will be added. After January 31st. two per cent. will be added, and after February 28th seven per cent. will be

ruary 28th., seven per cent. will be added till the 15th of March, 1911, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one Township are request-

ed to call for receipts in each of the several Townships in which the prop-erty is located. This is important, as

additional cost and penalty may be

All able bodied male citizens be

tween the ages of 21 and 60 years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00 except old soldiers, who are ex-

empt at 50 years or age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00, in lieu of road duty. Road Tax to be paid by the 1st day of March, 1911. Other taxes to be paid at the time as stated above.

The tax levy is as follows:
For State purposes . . . . . 5 % mills
For Constitutional School Tax 3 mills
For Ordinary County purposes 3 mills
For Interest on Railroad Bonds 1 mills
For Roads and Bridge Bonds 3 mills
For Court House Bonds . . . . 1 mill

Special Schools-Lurens Township.

Laurens No. 11 . . . . . . . . . 6 mills Trinity Ridge No. 1 . . . . . . 4 mills

Narnie No. 3 . . . . . . . . . . . 2 mills Baileys No. 4 . . . . . . . . . . . 2 mills Mills No. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 mills

Mills No. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 mills Oak Grove No. 6 . . . . . . . . . 2 mills

Total .. .. .. .. .. .. 16% mills

The tax levy is as follows:

Special Schools-Waterloo Township Mt. Olive No. 7 . . . . . . . . . . . 4 mills Special Schools-Cross Hill Township

Special Schools-Hunter Township

Special Schools-Jacks Township Jacks No. 15 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 mills Special Schools, Scuffletown Township

Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their Taxes through the mail by check, money order, etc. Persons sending in lists of names to be taken off are requested to send them early; and give the Township of each, as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December

Scuffletown No. 1 . . . . . . . . . 2 mills Lanford No. 10 . . . . . . . . . . . . 2½ mills

J. D. MOCK. County Treasurer

Oct. 7th., 1910-tf.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 28th day of February, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Ad ministratrix of the estate of B. I. Metzs , deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county at 11 o'clock, a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trusts as Administratrix. Any person indebted to said estat-are notified and required to make pay

ment on that date; and all persons
ment on that date; and all persons
having claims against said estate will
present them on or before said date,
duly proven or be forever barred.
Administratify.

January 25, 1911.—1 mo.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

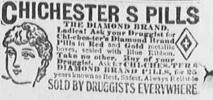
Take notice that on the 27th day of February, we will render a final account of our acts and doings as Executors of the estate of J. R. Switzer deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county, at 11 oclock, a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from our trusts as Executors.

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Any person indebted to said estate are notified and required to make pay-ment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date duly proven or be forever barred.

M. Shell, Louise Cannon Executors

January 25, 1911.-1 mc.



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